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SUBJECT: PREPCOM V: APRIL 18 DRAFTING GROUPS ACTIVITIES

1. MACHINERY GROUP. DURING BRIEF MEETING, GROUP DISCUSSED NEW NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL FOR RECONVENING UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA-ROBLES) SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW, UN FIRST COMMITTEE AND (IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT ON INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE) PERIODIC UN SPECIAL SESSIONS ON DISARMAMENT ADEQUATELY FILLED NEED FOR DELIBERATIVE BODIES ON DISARMAMENT. AUSTRALIAN REP (OXLEY) NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NON-ALIGNED ENVISAGED DISARMAMENT COMMISSION WOULD ELABORATE A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP), THAT TASK HAD IN FACT ALREADY BEEN CONFERRED ON THE CCD BY THE UNGA. IN RESPONSE, INDIAN REP (VELLODI) SAID PROCEDURAL SHORTCOMINGS OF FIRST COMMITTEE -- NOTABLY, THAT CONVENING FIRST COMMITTEE OTHER THAN DURING REGULAR GA SESSION WOULD BE "UNTIDY" AND THAT FIRST COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE EMPOWERED TO ESTABLISH SUBSIDIARY ORGANS -- NECESSITATED
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RESUSCITATION OF DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. INDIAN REP CONCEDED THAT TO ENABLE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION TO WORK ON CNP, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR GA FORMALLY TO TRANSFER THAT TASK FROM CCD. NIGERIAN REP (ADENIJI) STATED HIS SUPPORT FOR THAT TRANSFER.

2. USREP (FISHER) POINTED OUT THAT MEETINGS OF DIS-

ARMAMENT COMMISSION WOULD STRETCH THE MANPOWER RESOURCES OF GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY OF SMALLER COUNTRIES, AND ASKED FOR FULLER EXPLANATION OF UTILITY OF RECONVENING COMMISSION. POLISH REP SAID THAT FIRST COMMITTEE WAS PROPER FORUM FOR SSOD FOLLOW-UP AND THAT CCD WAS APPROPRIATE BODY FOR ELABORATION OF CNP; ESPECIALLY GIVEN SCARCITY OF GOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES, HE CONCLUDED THAT THE DESIRABILITY OF CONVOKING DISARMAMENT COMMISSION WAS DOUBTFUL. FRENCH REP (LENNUYEUX-COMNENE) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE RECONVENING OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. GROUP WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC APRIL 19, ON WHICH DATE GROUP PLANS TO COMPLETE ITS WORK.

3. DECLARATION GROUP. DRAFTING GROUP COMPLETED SECOND READING OF DRAFT TEXT OF DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT. SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE IN DELETING BRACKETS FROM NON-CONTROVERSIAL SECTIONS OF TEXT. USDEL MADE GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO INSERT ITS APPROVED LANGUAGE INTO THE TEXT IN CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS AND OUT OF FOOTNOTES IN WHICH IT HAD APPEARED IN FIRST READING. NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS MADE, HOWEVER, ON KEY CONTROVERSIAL SECTIONS OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES AND PRINCIPLES SECTIONS (E.G., NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, SECURITY ASSURANCE, NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONES, AND NON-PROLIFERATION AND PEACEFUL USES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NUCLEAR ENERGY). THESE ISSUES REMAIN TO BE SETTLED AT SSOD ITSELF. WE EXPECT TEXT OF DECLARATION TO BE HANDED OUT AT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEETING OF PLENARY. COPIES WILL IMMEDIATELY BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT. PREPCOM, HOWEVER, WILL PROBABLY TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON THIS DOCUMENT EXCEPT TO INCLUDE IT FOR TRANSMITTAL IN FINAL REPORT OF PREPCOM TO SSOD.

4. PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFTING GROUP. THE PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFTING GROUP CONTINUED ITS WORK ON THE SECTIONS DEALING WITH MDW, OUTER SPACE, CONFIDENCE BUILDING, INFORMATION AND STUDIES. UKDEL INTRODUCED TEXT ON MDW REPRESENTING WESTERN POSITION, TO WHICH SOVIETS ADDED A SENTENCE CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MDW AGREEMENT. TEXT ON MDW TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. UK ALSO INTRODUCED ITS PAPER ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS PER USUN 1468 EXCEPT THAT WORD "ARMED" HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR "NUCLEAR OR CONVENTIONAL" PRIOR TO "ATTACK". THE DRAFTING GROUP DECIDED TO POSTPONE NEGOTIATIONS ON CHAPTERS VII AND VIII, ENTITLED "COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR DISARMAMENT" AND "GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION" UNTIL THE SPECIAL

SESSION DUE TO LACK OF TIME AT PREPCOM V. THE DRAFTING
GROUP CONCLUDES ITS WORK ON APRIL 19 A.M. YOUNG

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